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**In re Application of:** Andrew C. KARAPLIS  
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**Title:** USE OF *PEX* IN THE TREATMENT OF  
METABOLIC BONE DISEASES  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

Pursuant to the FINAL Office Action mailed 09/22/2004 in respect of the above-identified application, Applicant submits a Request for Continued Examination, accompanied by the required fee.

In response to the FINAL Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**A listing of the claims** appears on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** appear on page 4 of this paper.